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1. The 3 Artillery Regiment, an autonomous regiment under General Headquarters, is located in the Shkumbini Barracks, south of the city of Elbasan. The strength of this unit consists of 700-800 men; it has been under the command of Major Bahri (former battery commander under King Zog) since March 1950. The political commissar is 1st Captain Sulome, and the executive officer is 1st Captain Skender Zote.
2. The regiment is composed of four groups (each consisting of three batteries), in addition to a communications company. The first and second groups are equipped with 12 Soviet 122 mm. pieces, while the third and fourth groups are equipped with new Soviet pieces of 10-6-2-13 (sic). The battery strength consists of 50 men.
3. In addition, source reports that there is ample artillery ammunition located in a depot near Shen Thanas Church, one air-mile northeast of Elbasan.
4. Source further reported that the Krasten Barracks, located east of Elbasan, are being used as a depot for the supplies of Greek partisans; source added, however, that these partisans are no longer in Albania, but have all been sent to Rumania by sea.
5. Vigilance on the Albanian coast has reportedly been diminished 50%, and soldiers on leave say that half of the coastal defense troops have been moved to the Greek and Yugoslav borders, since a surprise attack is feared from these directions.

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